GENDER STUDIES

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The gender studies program provides students with the tools to examine and interrogate gender both as a social construct and as a lived reality. Using comparative, competing, and cross-disciplinary perspectives, students are invited to analyze gender performance, sexuality, and sex-identification as these are situated in a variety of personal, social, cultural, and historical contexts. Intersections with race, class, age, ethnicity, and national identity are often explored in the process.

Degree Plans Offered in Gender Studies

Major in Gender Studies
Minor in Gender Studies

A major in gender studies consists of:

Required Courses (2 courses)
- GNDR 120
- GNDR 365

Courses with a focus on gender/women/sexuality (at least 3 courses)
- ANTH 350 Anthropology of Sex and Gender
- CLAS 250 Women in Antiquity
- EAS 225 Gender and East Asia
- ENG 253 Literature and Gender
- HIST 230 Women in Europe
- HIST 261 Women in America
- SCI 201/GNDR 201 Women and Science
- PHIL 211 Feminist Thought and its Critics
- PSY 235 Psychology of Gender
- PSY 265 Human Sexuality
- REL 253 Sex, Self, and Society
- REL 250/GNDR 450 Gender, Body, and Power in Asian Religions
- MEDA 267 Mediating Gender and Sexuality

Courses with a focus on power/inequality/social structures (at least 2 courses)
- AFST 121 African History and Cultures
- ANTH 123 Introduction to Socio-Cultural Anthropology
- ANTH 210 Native North America
- ANTH 220 Anthropology of Africa
- ANTH 365 Race and Ethnicity
- ECO 234 Development Economics
- ECO 280 Health Economics
- EDUC 115 American Education: A Changing Landscape
- ENG 251 Ethnic Literatures
- HIST 282 The Quest for Civil Rights, 1945 to Present
A minor in gender studies consists of:

**Required Course (1 course)**
- GNDR 120

**Courses with a focus on gender/women/sexuality (at least 2 courses)**
- ANTH 350 Anthropology of Sex and Gender
- CLAS 250 Women in Antiquity
- EAS 225 Gender and East Asia
- ENG 253 Literature and Gender
- HIST 230 Women in Europe
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Additional courses from the previous two categories (at least 2 courses)

- Course Prefix and Number
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- At least one of the courses above is at the 300-level or higher (preferably GNDR 365 Theorizing Gender and Sexuality).
- Three different disciplines and at least two divisions are represented in the courses above.

Other Considerations When Planning for the Minor:
- Up to two courses above can be from January term
- Utilize “GN” search criteria in WebHopper to find relevant courses or consult with program faculty.

Total Credits Requirement = 6 course credits

COURSES

**GNDR 120 Introduction to Gender Studies**
An exploration of the multi-faceted nature of gender, sex, and sexuality as these intersect with societal, cultural, historical, scientific, and intellectual facets of human life and experience. Drawing on methods from the humanities, sciences, and social sciences, we seek to gain an appreciation for the ways in which humans have constructed the body over time, how different kinds of gender and sex performances are viewed from both dominant cultural perspectives and from those on the periphery, and how these perceptions are deeply integrated into the larger societal fabrics that make up our daily lives. Requirements met: Humanities Breadth/Discover. (Each fall)

**GNDR 201 Women and Science**
How have women contributed to science? Do women (or feminists) do science differently, and if so how? Why are women underrepresented in science? How can women, both personally and institutionally, be more successful in science? This course will explore various answers to these questions from multidisciplinary perspectives including psychology, sociology, history, philosophy, and literature. While this course will examine the past and present status of women in mathematics, physics, chemistry, and biology, technical knowledge of these fields is not necessary for the course. Requirements met: Humanities Breadth/Discover.

**GNDR 250 Topics in Gender Studies**
A study of selected topics for beginning students based on faculty and student interests. Offered on an occasional basis. Course may be repeated when topic varies. 1 course credit.

**GNDR 253 Literature and Gender**
A variety of courses focused on issues of sex and gender in literature. Topics include women’s literature, gender/genre, bodies of enlightenment, gay and lesbian writers, and postcolonial women writers. May be repeated once when topic varies. (Offered on an occasional basis.)

**GNDR 260 Intermediate Directed Study**
Student investigation of topic of interest working in collaboration with a faculty member resulting in significant oral and written work. See On-Campus Learning Opportunities for more information. PREQ: Freshman JanTerm or Sophomore standing. Special permission required. Offered in variable course credit from 0.25-1.00.
GNDR 267 Mediating Gender & Sexuality
This course will critically examine and evaluate the cultural construction and representation of gender and sexuality in contemporary American media. We will focus on a variety of commercial media texts, particularly television, film, music and magazines. We will investigate representational issues in relation to their political and social repercussions and draw from a broad range of academic literature, including feminist television criticism, film theory, cultural studies, queer studies, and gender studies. Requirements met: Humanities Breadth/Discover. Crosslisted with Media Studies 267. (Spring, alternate years)

GNDR 350/450 Advanced Topics in Gender Studies
An investigation of selected topics for more advanced students based on faculty and student interests. Offered on an occasional basis. Course may be repeated when topic varies. Prerequisites vary. 1 course credit.

GNDR 365 Theorizing Gender and Sexuality
An exploration of major approaches to and theoretical concepts in the feminist study of gender and sexuality. In this course, gender and sexuality are understood as simultaneously shaping individual identities, patterns of interpersonal interactions, and structures of social power — and doing so in conjunction with other apparatuses of inequality. Topics include paradigms of feminist theory, patriarchy, intersectionality, gender as performance, queer identity, and the economics of gender. PREQ: GNDR 120 and Junior standing. Requirements met: Humanities Breadth/Discover. (Fall or spring, alternate years)

GNDR 460 Advanced Directed Study
Student investigation of topic of interest related to the major or minor working in collaboration with a faculty member resulting in significant oral and written work. See On-Campus Learning Opportunities for more information. PREQ: Junior or Senior standing. Special permission required. Offered for variable course credit from 0.25-1.00.

GNDR 490 Independent Study
Student-driven independent work to produce a high quality body of work such as paper, report, art project, etc. See On-Campus Learning Opportunities for more information. PREQ: Junior or Senior standing. Special permission required. Offered in variable course credit from 0.25-1.00.

GNDR 492 Independent Study Off-Campus/NSOC
Student-driven independent study in a topic related to the major completed at an off-campus site. See Off-Campus Learning Opportunities for more information. PREQ: Junior or Senior standing. Special permission required. Offered in variable course credit from 0.25-1.00.